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Vera, Ella, Frankie, Holly, Aidan, Colleen,
Owen, Bridget & Fiona

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It was at the North Pole,
On a miserable night.

There were tracks in the snow
In the glowing moonlight.

There were tracks going in
And two more coming out. . .

But who left the marks,
And what was he about?

Now the elves all came running
When there came an alarm,

Santa's pack filled with toys
Was not where it belonged!

Just days before Christmas,
All the toys were now gone

And the only things left,
Were the tracks on the lawn!

Santa called all his reindeer,
"Please look hither and yon,

For we must find the bag.
Oh, where could it have gone?"

They looked in the toy room
Then they looked in the barn.

They asked all the snowmen,
All over the farm.

But no one was seen
Dragging Santa's toy bag,

Through the snow in the moonlight.
Now Santa was mad!

So they followed the tracks
It led to a large cave,

And inside was the bag
With the toys that they'd made!

And in a dark corner,
Hiding high on a shelf

Was the culprit himself. . .
Just a tiny wee Elf!

He was shaking and trembling,
Before Santa he stood.
"What you did was so naughty,"
Santa Said, "It's not good!"

For without toys on Christmas,
All the children are sad.

They deserve to be happy.
They deserve to be glad."
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But this small tiny Elf
Had just wanted to play.

He hung down his head,
In his room he would stay.

Now old Santa was wise,
As they bagged up the toys,

And he whispered out loud,
"Tiny Elf's just a boy."

He had wanted to play
And toys are so much fun.

He had worked all year long,
So he just wanted one. . .

But you must learn to ask.
You can't take what you please."

All the reindeer and elves
Shook their heads and agreed.

Tiny Elf looked at Santa,
"I'm so sorry," said he,

"It was wrong that I took
The toys not meant for me."

Santa hugged Tiny Elf
"You're a good boy my lad.

You have learned a hard lesson,
You are good and not bad.

And on Christmas morning,
Because 'sorry' he said,

Tiny Elf found a present
Santa left on his bed.

A new pair of skates,
Oh what a delight!

Now I can play hockey
With the elves on the ice."

You have learned a hard lesson
And for this I am pleased,

For it's better to give
Than it is to receive."

For now you have learned
It would be a mistake,

Do not take from others
That, which is not yours to take."

Now all is forgiven, and your lesson is learned.
All the children on Christmas will get gifts they deserve.

It's a wonderful season to be grateful and pleased,
'Tis the season for giving, not for what you receive.

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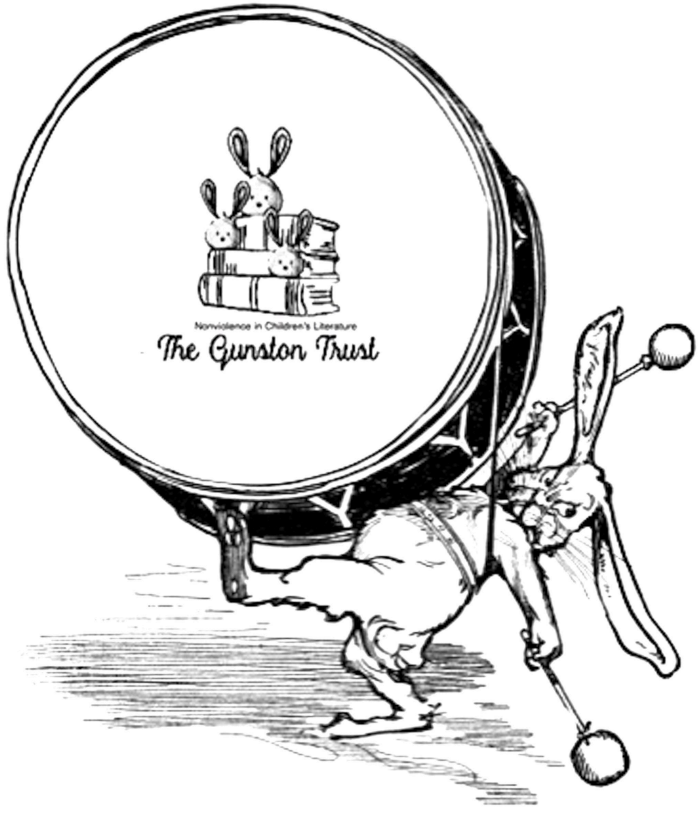

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